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(Case No. 97,223-I)

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In re Application of:

Kapur et al.

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Apparatus for Cell-Based Screening

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Examiner: Cook, L.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 12, 2003

Dear Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and comments be considered in response to the Office Action, mailed February 21, 2003.

REMARKS

Drawings

The Applicants are herewith submitting a set of formal drawings, to obviate the objection to the drawings.

Claim Objections

The patent office objected to claims 13 and 14 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claims. The Applicants traverse this objection. As noted by the patent office, "claim 13 is dependent on both claims 11 and 12"; neither claim 11 nor 12 are multiply dependent, and thus claim 13 does not run afoul of 37 CFR 1.75(c).

Similarly, claim 14, as noted by the patent office, is "dependent on multiple dependent